

*Uncle Jessie's Mound
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Memorial Hill
and other
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MEMORIAL HILL

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JESSE HUGHES AND
AMANDA WOOD MCCARRELL



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Born September 7, 1829.

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Memorial Hill, long a meeting place for special events in Midway, may possibly have been used by others long before the coming of the 19th century pioneers. A Mr. Nelson wrote in a book of Danish archeological trivia, that a strange depression found on top of this hill (located where the flag now stands), was a Danish burial plot. He based this upon the way in which the rocks lining the "grave" were placed, as well as its size, shape, etc. Mr. Nelson speculated that when the Danes (Vikings) set out on an expedition during the time of Lief Eriksson to circumnavigate the globe, the group came through Heber Valley as they traveled along a great arch to reach their goal. The tomb found on our hill apparently matches one found in Australia, and another in Denmark, and is supposedly in direct line with these other two.

We do know that Memorial Hill was an island in Lake Bonneville. Indian relics found on the hill also lead to speculation that it may have been an Indian burial ground.

When the pioneers came, the mound was included in the homestead of Jesse McCarrell, and for many years was known as "Jesse's Mound". (*Jessie McCarrell II*) When the Indian troubles began in 1866, the settlers along the Snake Creek, fortified themselves in Fort Midway, posting a lookout atop "Jesse's Mound" to keep a sharp eye peeled for trouble.

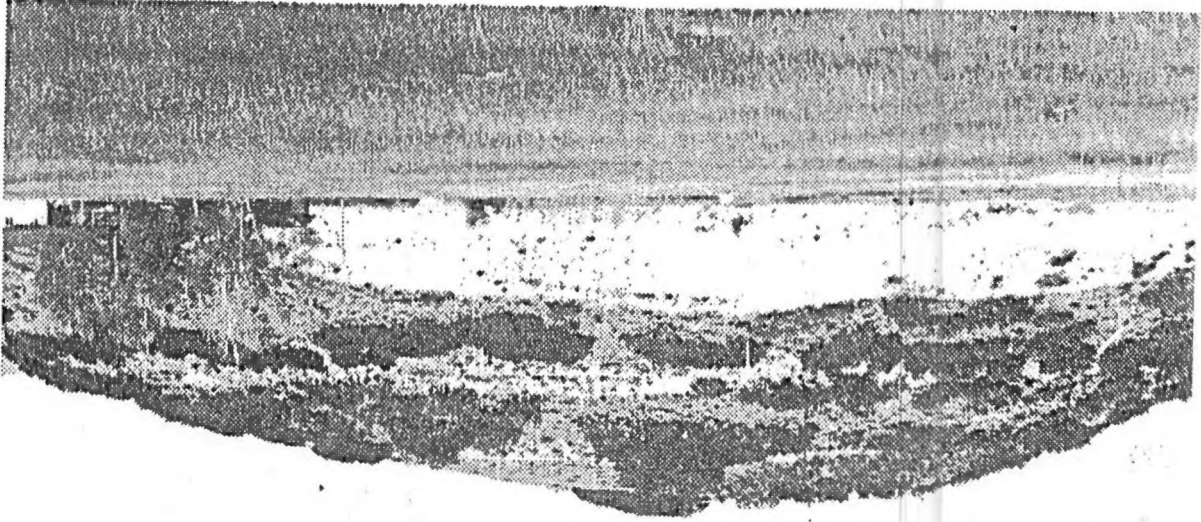
In 1928, the Wasatch County Commissioners purchased the hill, renamed it to Memorial Hill, and dedicated it as a memorial to all those brave men from the county who served their country in the armed forces during times of armed conflict. The memorial itself, found atop the hill, had listed the names of those who served, and indicated with stars, those who had been wounded and those who died. These listings were on bronze plaques, which were stolen by vandals in 1980. The county commission plans to replace the plaques soon.



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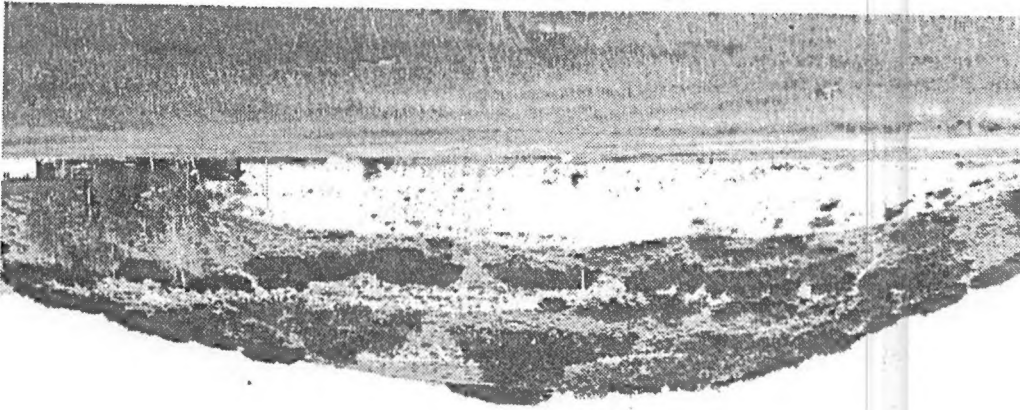
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List of Mounds (Hot Pots)

Luke's Hot Pot

Schmitt's Hot Pot

Jennie's

Hallie's Pot

Wittfried Ruckler's Grotto (Red Rockers)

One No. of Steward's on Steward's Dr.

Jerry Hartwell's Pot

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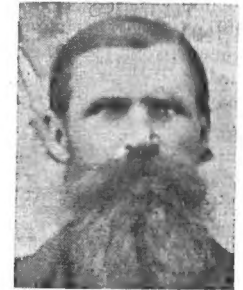
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